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**AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION**

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INVENTION: "METHOD AND SWITCHING UNIT FOR  
COMMUNICATING DATA ACCORDING TO THE  
ATM PROTOCOL AND THE INTERNET  
PROTOCOL"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application,  
and request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United  
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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;**

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in line 5, after "The" insert --present--;  
in line 8, cancel "payload" substitute --message-- therefor;  
in line 18, cancel "are" substitute --is-- therefor;  
in line 20, cancel "contain" substitute --contains-- therefor;